To

As per list attached.

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2. Shri K. Appala Raju, President,
The Godavari Farmers & Tobacco Growers Association,
Polavaram-534315, (West Godavari) Distt. Andhra Pradesh.
3. Shri P. Lakshman Swamy,
21/2, Paranagusapuram, Kodambakam, Madras-600034.
4. Shri K. Venkataratnam, President,
The East Godavari District, Tobacco Growers and Farmers Association, Korukonda-533283. (East Godavari District), Andhra Pradesh.
5. Shri Tapas Dutta, General Secretary,
All India Committee, United Trade Union Centre (Lenin Sarani) and General Secretary, All Bengal Beedi Workers' and Employees Federation, 77/2/1 (Lenin Sarani), Calcutta-700013.
6. Shri B. Madhu,
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7. Shri H.B. Dave, General Secretary,
Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Ram Naresh Bhawan, Tilak Gali, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055.
8. Shri K.M. Shankar Prabhu, President,
Karnataka Beedi Industry Association, TVS D Sadan, Kodumul Ranga Rao Rao, Kodialbail, Mangalore-575003. Karnataka State.

India's Share in World Tourism

2955. SHRI D.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Share in World tourism is a negligible 0.5 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to promote tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The percentage share of India in the world tourist traffic during 1995 was about 0.37. Inadequate infrastructural facilities in the country is the primary reason for the low share of India in the world tourist arrivals.

(c) Promotion of tourism is an ongoing process and it includes improvement of infrastructural facilities particularly by attracting private investment, focussing of publicity and marketing efforts and development of manpower resources.

Proposal to close down non-viable banches of GIC

2956. SHRI KRISHNA KUAMR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether GIC propose to close down non-viable branches of its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government propsoe to merge non-viable branches with the viable ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Insurers are required to operate within the expense ratio stipulated under Section 40C of the Insurance Act, 1938. The Branch Offices with excessive management costs and which are non-viable in terms of cost and volume of premium written are taken up for restructuring on a continuous basis.

Foreign direct investment promised by NRIs

2957. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 344 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1996 and state:

(a) the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) that has been promised by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) at the first-ever global Indians